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## COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 429  
Matomic Building, Central Intelligence Agency  
at 9:30 am., 29 December 1961

## PRESIDING

James Q. Reber  
Chairman

## MEMBERS PRESENT

[redacted] DIA  
Deputy Chairman  
Mr. H. M. Wiedemann, State  
Col. J. L. Cole, JCS  
Col. D. D. Davis, OACSI

Cdr. H. H. Skidmore, ONI  
Col. J. M. Winterbottom, AFCIN  
[redacted] NSA  
[redacted] CIA

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## CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Lt. Col. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN  
[redacted]

Mr. A. C. Lundahl, NPIC  
[redacted]

Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA  
[redacted]

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Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the meetings of 27 November, 8 and 14 December (COMOR-M-55, 56, and 57) were approved.

Briefing on 9029

2. Mr. Lundahl briefed the Committee on selected items from 9029.

Intelligence Justification for U-2 Photography of Communist China (Ref: COMOR-D-25/6)

3. The Committee concurred in the revision of 25/6, paragraph 6, page 6. This was the only adjustment required to meet the approval of the USIB as indicated at its meeting of 28 December. The revised and (hopefully) final version of this

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paper is being issued as COMOR-D-25/8. The USIB also approved the "TACKLE Operational Considerations" with certain required amendments. The final version of this document is issued as COMOR-D-25/9.

Disestablishment of URPIC I and II (Ref: TH-5627-61)

4. The Air Force has proposed the disestablishment of URPIC II and I. The COMOR concurs. Its concurrence is based upon the following considerations:

a. Modern high-speed air transport minimizes the loss of time which would be incurred today in moving the unprocessed material to Yakota (URPIC II in the Far East) and to Wiesbaden (URPIC W in the European Theater) in those cases where field processing is required.

b. Field processing can be done more efficiently and with better quality at permanent establishments, i. e., URPIC Y and URPIC W than at the temporary facilities at URPIC II and I.

c. URPIC II has not been used since the processing of Indonesian materials and the most recent Middle East photography was processed at URPIC W.

5. It is understood that the Air Force will advise URPIC W that it should maintain a capability for moving into URPIC I within a reasonable time should emergency circumstances warrant that in the future.

Codeword [ ] for SAMOS Products

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6. The COMOR agreed that the codeword [ ] should apply to SAMOS products.

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Distribution of SAMOS Products [ ]

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7. The COMOR agreed:

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a. That the transmittal of initial and supplemental PI reports and other URPIC PI reports derived from SAMOS will be dispatched by NPIC via currently prescribed channels [ ] in the same manner as previous T-KH efforts.

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b. That the Satellite Photography Processing Laboratories (SPPL), Westover AFB, Mass., will make two dupe positives and one dupe negative roll of all SAMOS passes over Sino-Soviet Bloc for transmittal [ ] Priority of production for these rolls will be exactly the same as that existing for CORONA (namely, priority 7) or as that priority may be changed or amended by COMOR.

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8. By virtue of this minute NPIC and the USAF member of COMOR are requested to make arrangements necessary to carry out the foregoing.

Revision of Highest Priority Target List for ChiCom (COMOR-D-2/3)

9. The Committee agreed to consider the revision of the subject list in a couple of weeks pending the submission of the new JAEC suggestions.

Revision of the TALENT Sanitization Manual

10. [ ] and Colonel Chapman reported briefly on work which they had completed in redrafting the TALENT sanitization manual. They noted that their revision which they would shortly disseminate for study of the members would include both TALENT and TALENT-KEYHOLE sanitization problems, bringing together the various sanitization decisions scattered through COMOR documents and minutes. It will also have a section on downgrading.

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Proposal for Downgrading of TALENT Materials Prior to 1 May 1960

11. Colonel Winterbottom, USAF, amplified his remarks at an earlier meeting on the above subject. He distributed maps which gave some appreciation of the scope of the material thus far downgraded

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(including certain Air Force materials) and which embrace 34,000 frames. After Colonel Chapman had given some of the background of this proposal, it was agreed that Colonel Chapman with the aid of the Chairman would prepare a draft for consideration of the Committee at an early meeting.

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Chairman

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